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**THRILLING TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES OF CRIME!**

# CRIME-FIGHTING DETECTIVE

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**A NIGHT OF  
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**AND**  
**"SEEK THE  
STRANGLER"**



THRILLING TRUE  
CASE IN WHICH  
LABORATORY LAWYERS  
POINT THE SCIENTIFIC  
FINGER OF GUILT  
AT A  
**MURDERER**

WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE!  
THE COPS GOT US COLD  
THIS TIME !!

**HI JACKERS..THE SCOURGE  
OF THE HIGHWAYS... RUN AFOUL  
OF THE LAW IN AN ALL OUT  
BATTLE THAT PROVES ....  
RIGHT SHALL TRIUMPH!!**

**A LESSON OF THE LAW**

YEAH, WELL I'LL CHILL  
A COUPLE OF  
THEM FIRST!

IT'S AN AMBUSH!  
LOOK OUT....  
OOOOH !!

SMASH THE ROAD  
BLOCK, MAC!

STOP THAT  
TRUCK OR  
YOU'RE THROUGH!

THIS IS THE LAST  
JOB THESE GUYS  
WILL PULL !





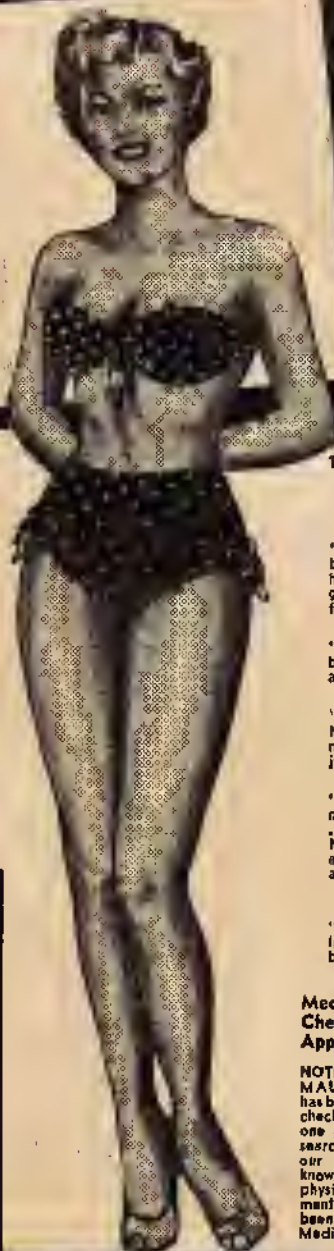
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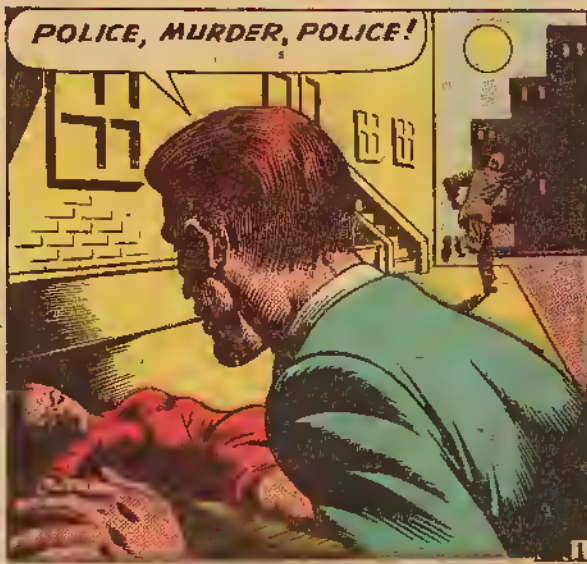
# SEEK THE Strangler



AN  
EXCITING  
STUDY IN  
FACTUAL  
CRIME

THE MICROSCOPE OF DR. ALEXANDER WEINER, CLEVER BACTERIOLOGIST AND SEROLOGIST OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, WAS NEEDED TO SOLVE A MURDER THAT BAFFLED THE COPS WHICH STARTED WHEN THE FEAR-STRICKEN WATCHMAN SAW THE MURDERER DRAG HER BATTERED BODY FROM THE STOOP OF A HOUSE....

IT WAS 2:40 A.M. WHEN ED FINNERTY, A NIGHT WATCHMAN, STANDING IN THE ENTRANCE OF HIS COMPANY'S BUILDING SAW A STRANGE SIGHT DOWN THE BLOCK OPPOSITE THE TRENCH HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK.



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AS FINNERTY HASTENED TOWARDS THE CORNER LOOKING FOR HELP HE TURNED BACK...AND THERE, THE STRANGE SIGHT CONTINUED TO REPEAT ITSELF...



THAT'S CERTAINLY A BUSY PLACE TONIGHT... I BETTER FOLLOW THAT BIRD TO SEE WHAT'S COOKIN'...



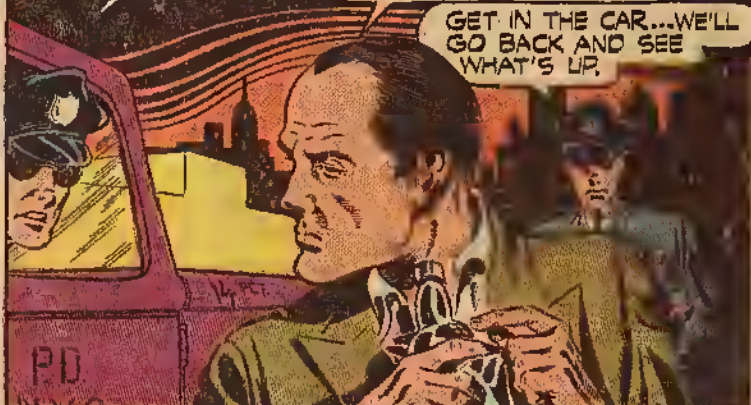
I THINK THAT MAN UP AHEAD KILLED A WOMAN!

GET IN, WE'LL SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!

HEY! WHO ARE YOU, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, AND WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN THAT PACKAGE?

WH-WHAT? MY NAME IS JOHN MANOS! I'M A NIGHT WORKER AND I WAS JUST GOING TO A RESTAURANT TO GET SOME COFFEE IN THIS BOTTLE.

GET IN THE CAR...WE'LL GO BACK AND SEE WHAT'S UP.



KNOW THIS WOMAN?

NEVER SAW HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE!

FINNERTY, KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BODY AND THIS MAN, I'M GOING TO MAKE A CALL!

THE PATROLMAN'S ALARM DIRECTED TO THE 14TH PRECINCT, BROUGHT DETECTIVE JOHN BRENNAN, UNIFORMED OFFICERS, DETECTIVES HAWTHORNE AND DUNPHY FROM HOWKIDE, ASS'T. DISTRICT ATTORNEY PAGNUCCO AND MEDICAL EXAMINER VANCE.

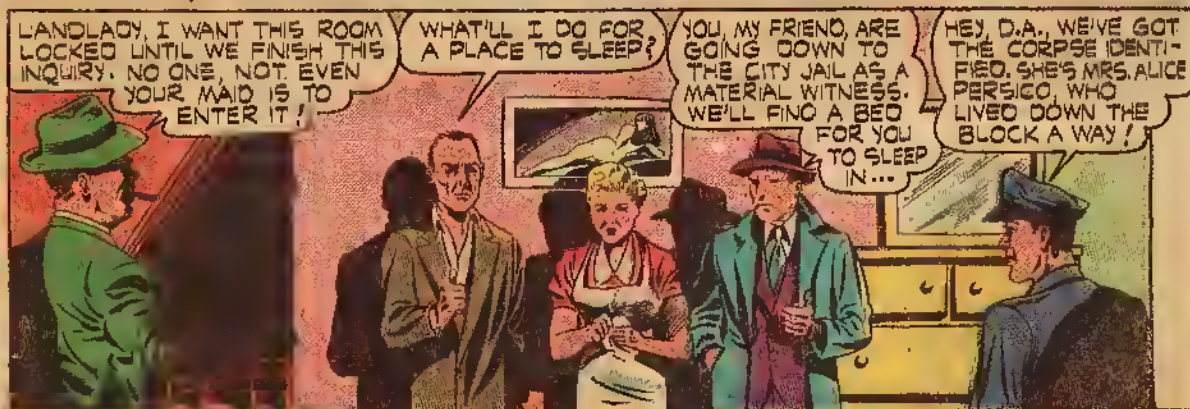
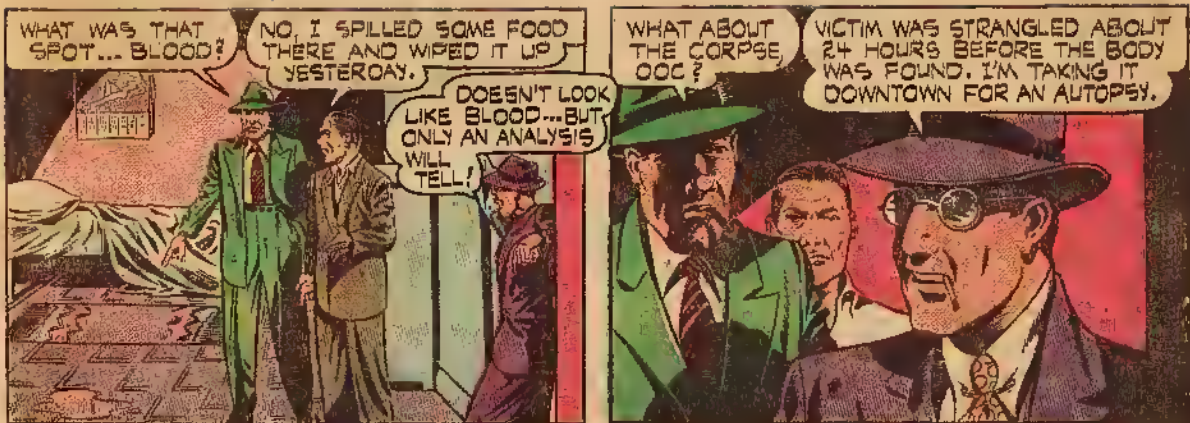
WHAT'S IN THAT BAG, BRENNAN?

A WOMAN'S STOCKING, D.A., AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE MATE TO THE ONE THE VICTIM'S WEARING!

I'M SURE THAT BAG WASN'T THERE WHEN I FIRST SAW THE BODY....

WHILE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER LOOKED OVER THE BODY, FINNERTY TOLD THE D.A. THAT IT WAS TOO DARK FOR HIM TO SEE WHETHER MANOS WAS THE FIGURE HE SAW DRAGGING THE BODY DOWN THE STOOP. PAGNUCCO, GRUNTED, TURNED TO MANOS, AND SAID, "LET'S GO IN, I WANT TO LOOK AT YOUR QUARTERS."





PAGNUCCO AND THE DETECTIVES VISITED THE HOUSE OF THE DECEASED AND DISCOVERED THAT SHE HAD A BROTHER LIVING NEXT DOOR, ERNEST PETERSON. HE COULD THROW NO LIGHT ON THE REASON HIS SISTER WAS IN HOUSE 337... WHO MIGHT HAVE STRANGLED HER... OR WHO DRAGGED THE BODY OUT ON THE SIDEWALK 24 HOURS LATER.

ANY REASON WHY SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND?

NO, BUT ASK HER HUSBAND, ORELIO, HE LIVES IN BROOKLYN!



BACK AT THE BOARDING HOUSE, BRENNAN OBTAINED THE NAMES OF THREE MISSING LODGERS. OVER THE TELEPHONE HE ASCERTAINED THAT TWO OF THEM WERE AT WORK BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE THIRD.

HIS NAME'S ARNOLD WELSTACH, SHALL I START A HUNT FOR HIM?

YOU BET, AND ADD THE NAME OF ORELIO PERSICO. NOTIFY THE BROOKLYN POLICE TO PICK HIM UP AND BRING HIM TO MY OFFICE.



WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE BODY, PAGNUCCO, DUNPHY AND HAWTHORNE, WITH THE WINE BOTTLE AND THE PAPER BAG THAT HELD THE STOCKING, RETIRED DOWNTOWN TO THE OFFICE OF THE D.A.

THERE'S A MANUFACTURER'S MARK, C-12 STENCILLED IN BLUE ON THIS BAG, BOYS.



THERE'S A LEAD, IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHERE THAT BAG CAME FROM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEARN WHO STUFFED THE STOCKING IN IT!

CONTAINERS LIKE THAT ARE HANDED OUT BY THE THOUSANDS. IF WE COULD LOCATE THE MANUFACTURER, THAT MIGHT SIMPLIFY THE TASK.



NOW, THE RELENTLESS FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER WERE IN MOTION, GATHERING MOMENTUM TO SNARE A VICIOUS MURDERER...

WHAT'S IN THAT PACKAGE YOU JUST TOOK OUT OF THE GARBAGE PAIL, BRENNAN?

A WOMAN'S HAT, LEFT SHOE, A MAN'S UNDER-SHIRT AND TWO HAND-KERCHIEFS KNOTTED TOGETHER TO MAKE A NOOSE!

LOOKS LIKE THE KILLER USED THAT TO THROTTLE THE VICTIM. BETTER RUN IT DOWN TO THE D.A.

BACK AT PAGNUCCO'S OFFICE, BRENNAN AND THE D.A. DISCUSSED THE PACKAGE FOUND NEAR THE SCENE OF THE MURDER...

LET'S BEAT IT OVER TO THE MORGUE AND COMPARE THE SHOE YOU FOUND WITH THE ONE ON THE STRANGLED WOMAN'S OTHER FOOT.

OKAY, CHIEF, MAYBE THIS CASE WILL BEGIN TO ADD UP EVEN IF THERE WAS NO WITNESS TO THIS CRIME.



THIS SHOE SURE BELONGS TO THE MURDERED WOMAN, CHIEF!

RIGHT...AND WHILE WE'RE HERE, LET'S SHOOT THESE OTHER THINGS UP TO OOC WEINER IN HIS LABORATORY, MAYBE THEY'VE GOT A STORY TO TELL.



LATER THAT MORNING, DETECTIVES PICKED UP ORELIO PERSICO WITH ERNEST PETERSON, THE BROTHER, THEY TOOK HIM DOWN TO THE MORGUE TO IDENTIFY THE BODY. LATER, AT THE OFFICE OF D.A. PAGNUCCO....

MANOS, YOU SAY YOU'RE INNOCENT. IF YOU'D LIKE TO PROVE IT, I'LL NEED A SAMPLE OF YOUR BLOOD!

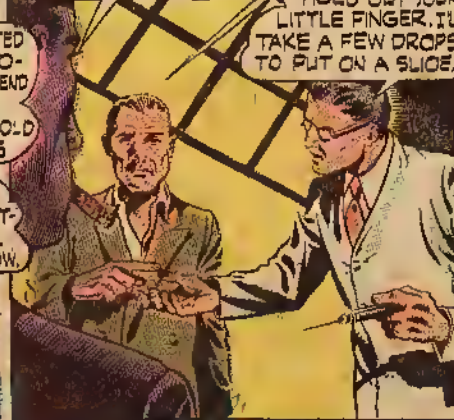
I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS. I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.

HOLD OUT YOUR LITTLE FINGER, I'LL TAKE A FEW DROPS TO PUT ON A SLICE.

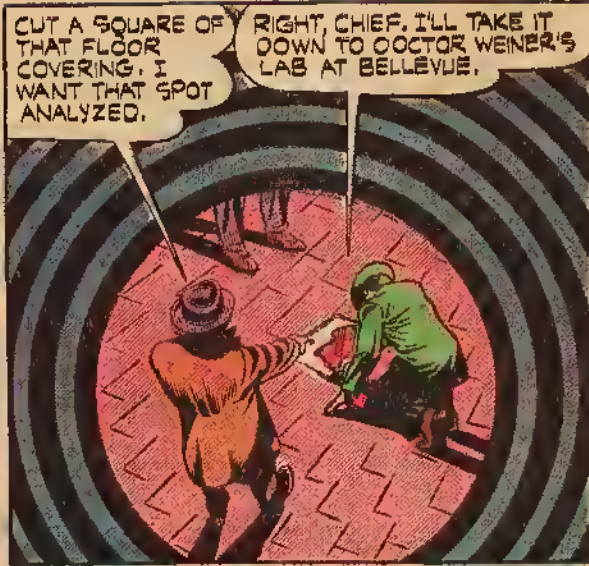
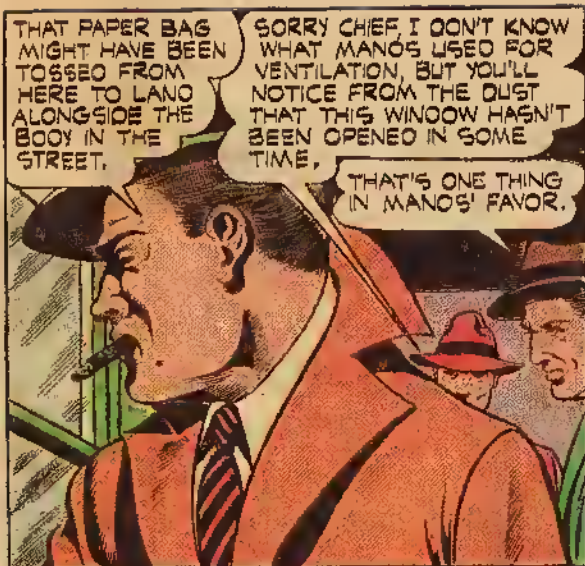
CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR WIFE WAS DOING OR WHOM SHE WAS VISITING AT THE HOUSE WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND?

WE OFTEN VISITED THAT HOUSE TOGETHER...A FRIEND OF MINE, WHOM SHE HATES, ARNOLD WELSTACH LIVES THERE.

WE HAVE JOHN MANOS OUTSIDE, CHIEF. I'LL BRING HIM IN NOW.



AFTER THAT, PAGNUCCO, MANOS AND HAWTHORNE WENT BACK TO THE BOARDING HOUSE WHERE THEY MET BRENNAN. WELSTACH WAS STILL ABSENT, SO PAGNUCCO ASKED TO SEE HIS ROOM. THE DETECTIVES FOUND NOTHING THAT MIGHT THROW LIGHT ON THE CASE. PAGNUCCO LED THE OFFICERS BACK TO MANOS ROOM, WALKING OVER TO THE WINDOW, THE D.A. LOOKED DOWN ONTO 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NOTICING THAT THE POSITION OF THE WINDOW WAS DIRECTLY OVER THE STOOP...



HAWTHORNE AND DUNPHY, AT PAGNUCCO'S SUGGESTION, VISITED ALICE PERSICO'S EMPLOYER, A COSTUME MAKER. THEY LEARNED THAT THE MURDER VICTIM HAD CONTINUALLY BROODED OVER THE SEPARATION FROM HER HUSBAND, CONTENDING IT WAS UNJUSTIFIED. MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CITY JAIL, MANOS WAS BROUGHT UP FROM HIS CELL FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.



ON THE SAME DAY, DR. WEINER MADE HIS FIRST REPORT.

ON FRIDAY MORNING, ARNOLD WELSTACH RETURNED TO THE BOARDING HOUSE. PAGNUCCO WAS NOTIFIED AND HE IMMEDIATELY WENT UP THERE WITH BRENNAN TO QUESTION HIM. WELSTACH SAID HE HAD GONE TO HARTFORD, CONN., TO SEE ABOUT A NEW JOB. WHILE THERE, HE STAYED WITH FRIENDS. PAGNUCCO TOLD THE MAN HIS ALIBI WOULD BE CHECKED.

DOC, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE SOME INFO ON THE ANALYSIS YOU MADE OF THE CLUES WE PICKED UP.

YES, O.A., AS A RESULT OF BLOOD TESTS MADE, WE NOW KNOW DEFINITELY THAT JOHN MANOS BELONGED TO GROUP "B" AND ALICE PERSICO IS CLASSIFIED IN GROUP "A."

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE YOU NEED, DOC? YOU KNOW THE CASE IS AT A STANDSTILL FOR THE TIME BEING.

YES, I COULD USE SOME PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF MANOS... SAY ONE OR TWO OF HIS WORK SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

BUT THE CASE WAS NOT ACTUALLY AT A STANDSTILL, AS PAGNUCCO HAD SO DOLEFULLY PREDICTED. UP IN THE LABORATORY OF DR. WEINER HIS TEST TUBES WERE BEGINNING TO TELL STORIES ALL THEIR OWN.

WHAT RESULTS DID YOU OBTAIN FROM THE PACKAGE THE POLICE FOUND IN THE GARBAGE CAN CONTAINING THE MAN'S UNDERSHIRT AND KNOTTED HANDKERCHIEF?

THESE WERE SUBJECTED TO SALINE BATHS, DOCTOR, AND THEY REACT TO ANTI-B SERUM BUT NOT TO ANTI-A. WE ASSOCIATE THEM WITH PERSONS IN THE "B" BLOOD GROUPING.

HOW DO THE WORK SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR AND HANDKERCHIEFS TAKEN FROM MANOS' ROOM REACT TO THE SALINE BATH?

THEY REACT TO THE ANTI-B SERUM, DOC!

THE LINOLEUM SPOT AND THE UNDER-SHIRT LEFT IN THE GARBAGE INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF ALBUMEN, DOCTOR.

THIS COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM A PERSON'S MOUTH. THEREFORE, THE UNDERGARMENT MUST HAVE BEEN USED TO WIPE THE SPOT CLEAN.



YOU SAY THE UNDERGARMENTS AND THE HANDKERCHIEFS FOUND IN THE GARBAGE CAN BELONG TO A PERSON IN GROUP B...WHICH MIGHT BE MANOS?



YES, D.A., AND THE STOCKING FOUND NEAR THE BODY TOGETHER WITH THE LINOLEUM SPOT CAME FROM A GROUP 'A' PERSON...ALICE PERSICO.

CONCLUSION... WHERE WAS THE BODY BEFORE IT WAS DRAGGED OUT ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE? MANOS HAD INSISTED THAT HE ---AND HE ALONE ---WAS IN THAT ROOM TUESDAY BEFORE THE BODY FOUND. MANOS LOOKED LIKE THE GUILTY PERSON, BUT THE PROSECUTOR KNEW THAT THERE WAS A WEAK LINK IN THE CHAIN. IF THERE WAS A GROUP 'A' PERSON IN MANOS' ROOM, HOW COULD PAGNUCCO PROVE THAT IT WAS MRS. PERSICO?

THEN, ON JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, MANOS WAS IN PAGNUCCO'S OFFICE FOR WHAT WAS HIS 60<sup>TH</sup> INTERROGATION....

WE ARE GOING OVER YOUR STORY ONCE MORE. LET'S GO BACK TO THE DAY YOU BOUGHT THE BOTTLE OF PORT WINE. WHERE DID YOU BUY IT?



I BOUGHT THE WINE IN A WINE STORE ON 44<sup>TH</sup> STREET NEAR SIXTH.

ALRIGHT, BOYS, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS PAPER BAG.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, CHIEF!



DID THIS PAPER BAG COME FROM YOUR STORE?

YES, THERE'S OUR MARKING 'C 12 EL'. WE'RE THE ONLY LIQUOR STORE IN THE TIMES SQUARE AREA THAT RECEIVE BAGS WITH THESE MARKINGS.



**ALL THIS WAS BEGINNING TO TAB MANOS AS THE MAN WHO DRAGGED THE BODY DOWN THE STOOP. THE KEEN-EYED BRENNAN, NOTING THAT THE NEWS-PAPER IN WHICH MANOS HAD WRAPPED THE EMPTY BOTTLE WAS DATED MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, DEPLOYED THE WEST 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET AREA AND FOUND A NEWSDEALER WHO REMEMBERED SELLING MANOS THE NEWSPAPER AND CIGARETTES ON MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>...**

**THEN ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> IN PAGNUCCO'S OFFICE...**

MR. MANOS, I HAVE A REPORT FROM DR. WEINER, WHO MADE A CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF YOUR BELONGINGS THAT STAMPS YOU AS THE KILLER.

I'M INNOCENT! I SWEAR IT!



IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE VICTIM'S CLOTHING IN A BAG YOU RECEIVED FROM THIS GENTLEMAN IN A LIQUOR STORE?

ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME.



**I WAS WALKING UP THE FRONT STOOP OF THE HOUSE A LITTLE AFTER MIDNIGHT, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>...**



**AS I ENTERED MY ROOM, THIS WOMAN CAME DOWN THE HALL AND STARTED IN BEHIND ME...**



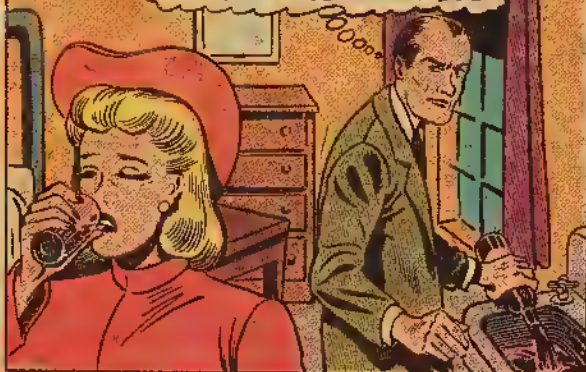
I'M LOOKING FOR MY HUSBAND AND I THINK YOU KNOW HE'S IN THIS HOUSE. I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME WHAT ROOM HE IS IN.

LADY, I DON'T KNOW YOU AND I DON'T KNOW YOUR HUSBAND. I'M TIRED.... SO GET OUT!



WHEN SHE SAW THE WINE ON THE TABLE AND DEMANDED A DRINK. I FIGURED THIS MIGHT STOP HER YELLING, SO I GAVE HER ONE.

I BETTER GET RID OF THIS WINE BEFORE SHE GETS HERSELF LOADED.



HE KEPT INSISTING THAT I KNEW HER HUSBAND, MAKING MORE AND MORE NOISE.

KEEP QUIET OR YOU'LL GET ME IN WRONG.



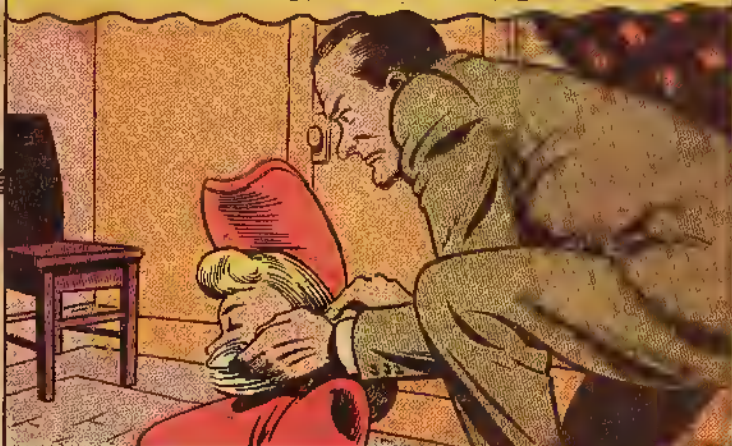
I WON'T KEEP QUIET UNTIL YOU TELL ME WHERE MY HUSBAND IS ... !

BUT SHE KEPT YELLING LOUDER AND LOUDER. SO I GRABBED HER AROUND THE THROAT TO SHUT HER UP.

AHHH...NG!



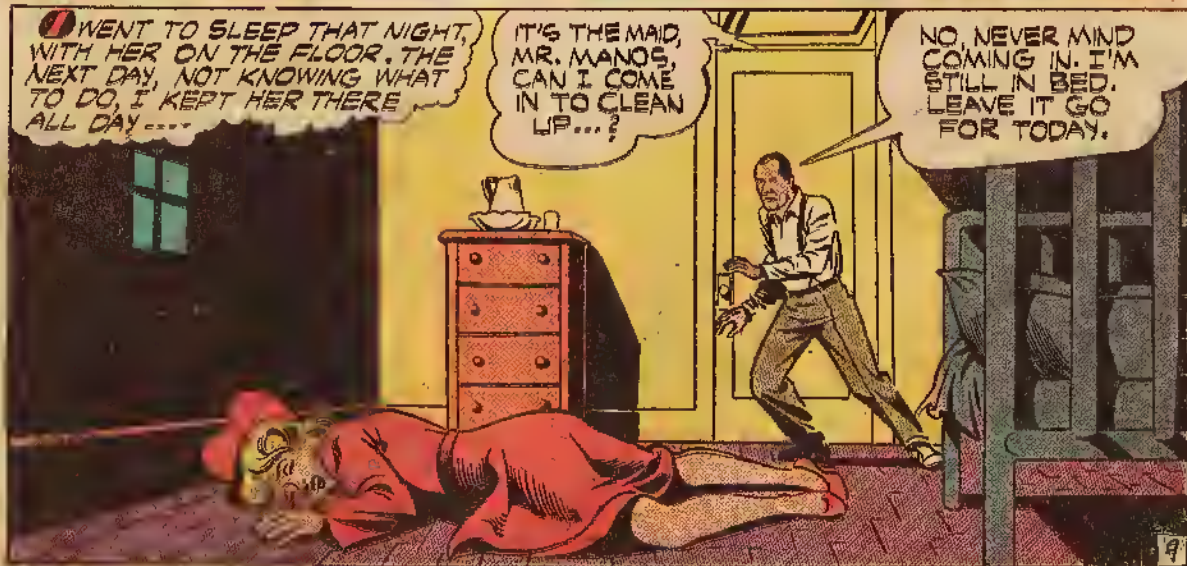
SOME FOOD CAME OUT OF HER MOUTH AS SHE LAY ON THE FLOOR, WHICH MADE THE SPOT ON THE LINOLEUM, SO I TOOK TWO HANDKERCHIEFS AND KNOTTED THEM AGAINST HER FACE ....



I WENT TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT, WITH HER ON THE FLOOR. THE NEXT DAY, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO, I KEPT HER THERE ALL DAY ....

IT'S THE MAID, MR. MANOS, CAN I COME IN TO CLEAN UP...?

NO, NEVER MIND COMING IN. I'M STILL IN BED. LEAVE IT GO FOR TODAY.



THAT NIGHT I SAT BY THE WINDOW WAITING FOR THE STREET TO GET EMPTY. IT WASN'T UNTIL 2:30 A.M. THAT I DECIDED TO DRAG HER OUT.

OOPS! THERE GOES HER HAT AND SHOE.



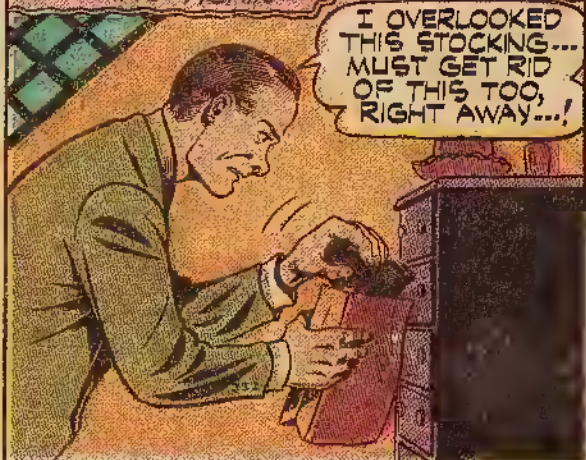
I PUT HER HAT AND SHOE, ALONG WITH A SOILED UNDERSHIRT I HAD USED TO WIPE UP THE FLOOR AND THE TWO HANDKERCHIEFS, IN A PIECE OF PAPER.

I MUST GET RID OF THIS EVIDENCE.



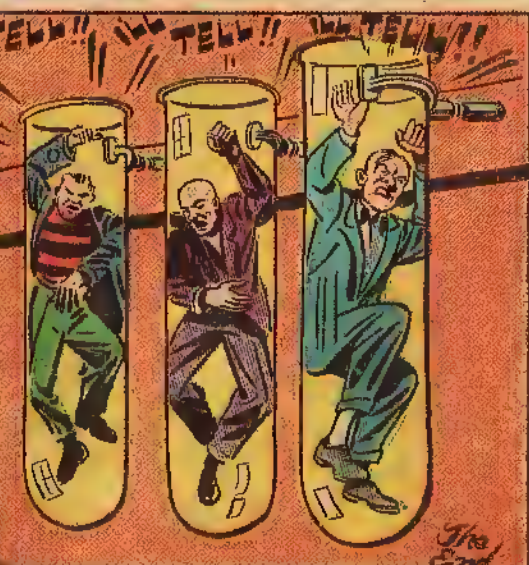
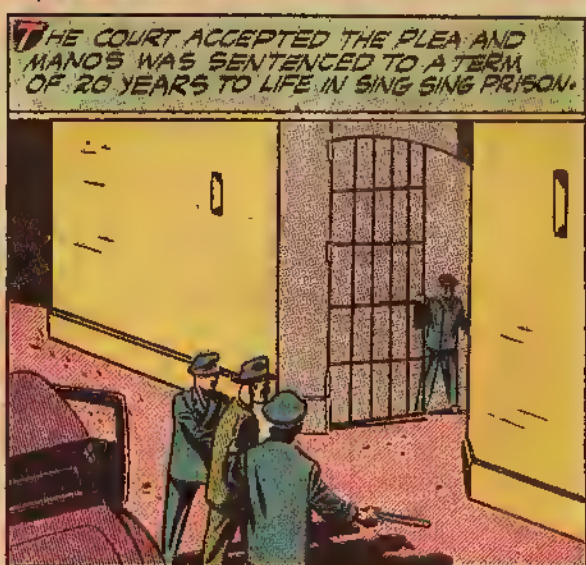
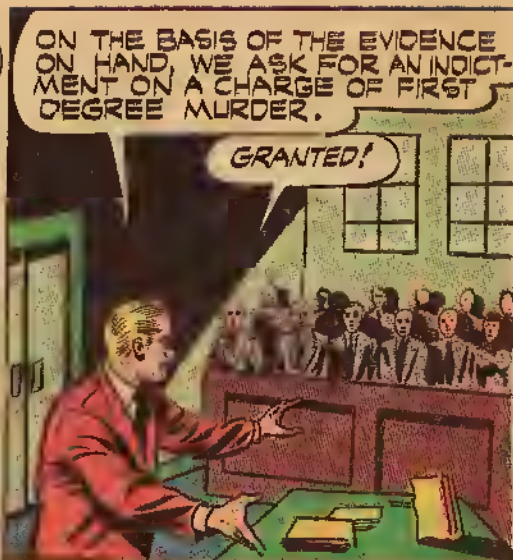
I WENT DOWN 30TH STREET, THREW THE PACKAGE IN A GARBAGE CAN. CIRCLED THE BLOCK, AND WENT BACK UPSTAIRS AGAIN...

I OVERLOOKED THIS STOCKING... MUST GET RID OF THIS TOO, RIGHT AWAY...!



I HAD THE STOCKING WHEN THE COP STOPPED ME. WHEN HE TOOK ME BACK TO THE HOUSE IN FRONT OF WHICH THE BODY WAS LYING...





# "The Poison Parcel"



THE LAW - WHETHER IT BE IN THE FORM OF YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER, THE STRICT ATTORNEY AND EVEN THE JUDGE ON THE BENCH WHO METES OUT JUSTICE IN THE NEVER ENDING FIGHT AGAINST CRIME WILL INEVITABLY ROOT OUT THE FORCES OF EVIL. THREE MONTHS AFTER HE HAD SENTENCED CORDELIA BOTKIN TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR THE REST OF HER NATURAL LIFE, JUDGE D.W. COOK OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT, FOUND HIMSELF SEATED NEXT TO HER ON A TROLLEY CAR. ONCE MORE, THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER WENT INTO OPERATION TO INCARCERATE THIS EVIL MURDERESS.

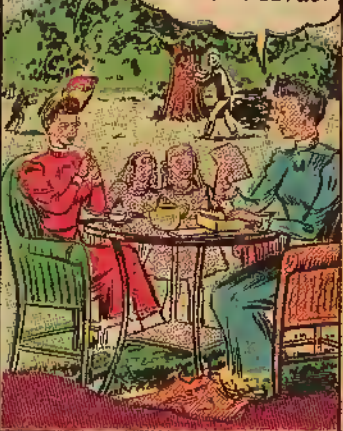
THIS STRANGE STORY HAD ITS BEGINNING IN DOVER, DELAWARE. ONE AFTERNOON, CONGRESSMAN JOHN PENNINGTON WAS HAVING TEA WITH HIS TWO DAUGHTERS MRS. JOHN DUNNING AND MRS. JOSEPH DEANE, WHEN THE POSTMAN ARRIVED WITH A PACKAGE FOR MRS. DUNNING WHOSE HUSBAND, A PRESS CORRESPONDENT, WAS IN CUBA REPORTING THE WAR.

OH! I WONDER IF JOHN SENT ME SOMETHING FROM THE FRONT.

OPEN IT AND SEE WHO IT'S FROM.



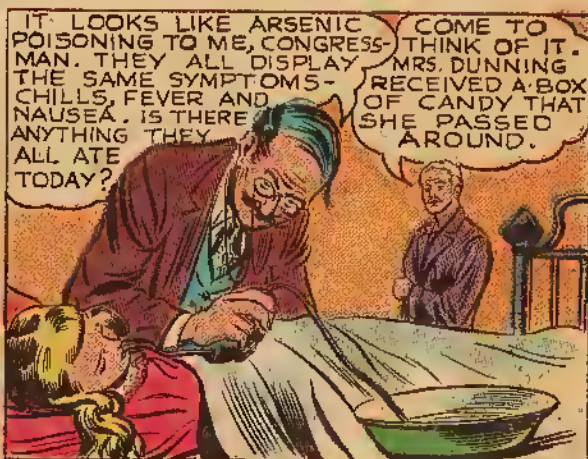
WHY, IT'S A BOX OF CANDY - AND I DON'T KNOW IT SAYS, 'WITH LOVE TO LOVELY WHITE HANDKERCHIEF, AND BABY. WHOEVER IS IT FROM?' MRS. C. I DON'T KNOW ANY MRS. C. IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THAT'S WHERE IT WAS POSTED.



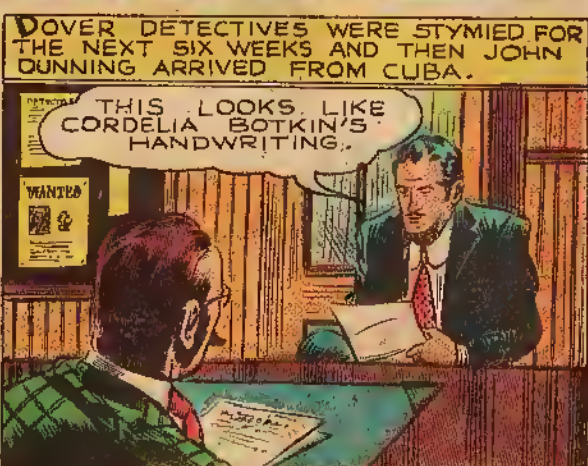
DO HAVE ANOTHER PIECE, MY DEAR, THIS IS CERTAINLY THE MOST DELICIOUS CANDY I HAVE EVER EATEN.

NO THANK YOU, I HAVE HAD OVER HALF A DOZEN PIECES ALREADY.





TWO DAYS LATER, THE TWO WOMEN DIED, LEAVING THREE MOTHERLESS CHILDREN. PENNINGTON TOOK THE CANDY BOX WITH THE FEW PIECES REMAINING TO DR. HUBERT WOLFE, HEAD OF DELAWARE MEDICAL COLLEGE, FOR ANALYSIS..



IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE DOVER DETECTIVE AND GUNNING IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED CHIEF OF POLICE LEES AND DETECTIVE GIBSON TO AID THEM IN GATHERING EVIDENCE FOR THE ARREST OF MRS. BOTKIN.

DO YOU REMEMBER RECEIVING THIS CANDY BOX FOR MAILING TO DOVER, DELAWARE?

YES, IT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, WITH RAVEN BLACK HAIR AND GREY EYES.

THAT'S MRS. BOTKIN



THIS BOX OF CANDY WAS PURCHASED IN YOUR STORE. DO YOU RECALL SELLING IT TO MRS. BOTKIN?

YES, MRS. BOTKIN BUYS HER CANDIES HERE- AND THAT IS ONE OF HER FAVORITE BRANDS.



DO YOUR RECORDS SHOW ANY SALE OF POISONOUS CHEMICALS TO A MRS. CORDELIA BOTKIN IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS?

LET ME SEE--YES, I SOLD HER SOME ARSENIC NOT SO LONG AGO.



DO YOU REMEMBER SELLING THIS WHITE SOFT LINEN HANKERCHIEF?

WHY, I REMEMBER SELLING THAT TO MRS. CORDELIA BOTKIN.



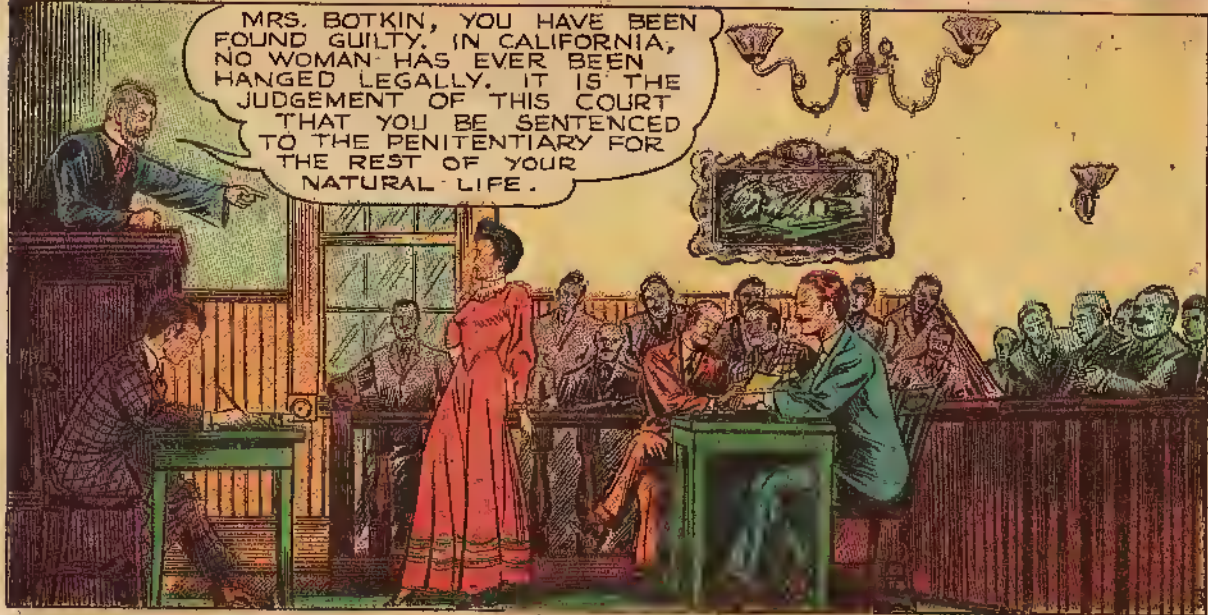
MRS. BOTKIN, BUT I'M INNOCENT IN THE NAME OF THE LAW I ARREST YOU FOR MURDER.

TELL YOU. WELCOME, MY HUSBAND, YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?

YES MY DEAR

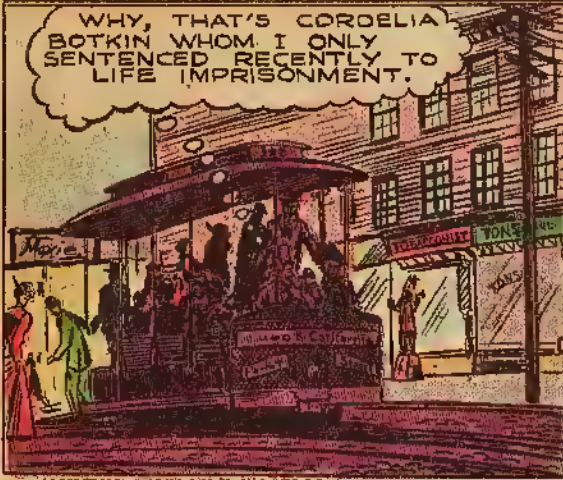


MRS. BOTKIN, YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY. IN CALIFORNIA, NO WOMAN HAS EVER BEEN HANGED LEGALLY. IT IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THIS COURT THAT YOU BE SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR THE REST OF YOUR NATURAL LIFE.



THREE MONTHS LATER, JUDGE COOK  
BOARDED A SAN FRANCISCO TROLLEY  
AND SAT DOWN NEXT TO A DARK  
BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ---

WHY, THAT'S CORDELIA  
BOTKIN WHOM I ONLY  
SENTENCED RECENTLY TO  
LIFE IMPRISONMENT.



JUDGE COOK STARTED AN IMMEDIATE  
INVESTIGATION AND DISCOVERED FACTS  
THAT CREATED A WHOLESALE SCANDAL

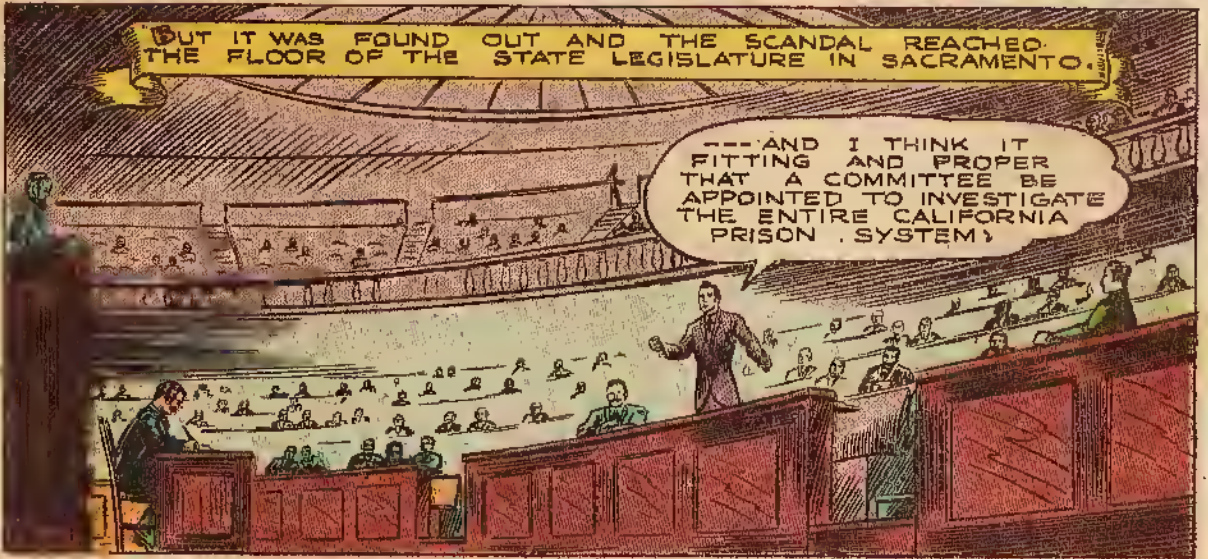
YOU'RE SUCH  
A DARLING IN  
LETTING ME GO  
TO THE THEATER  
TWICE A WEEK.

YOU KNOW I LOVE  
YOU CORDELIA--  
AND IT MAY MEAN  
MY JOB IF THE  
AUTHORITIES EVER  
FIND OUT, BUT,  
WHO CARES.



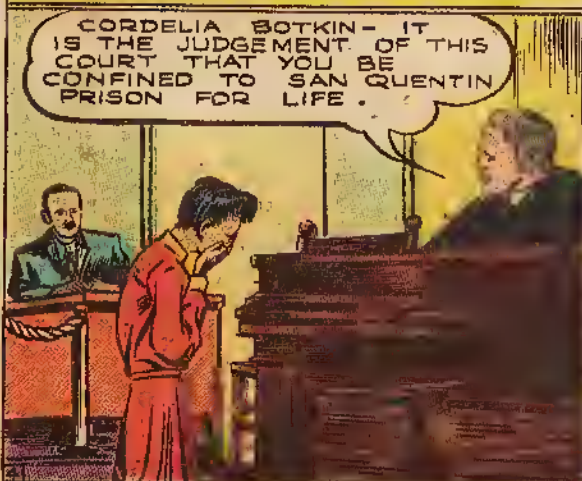
BUT IT WAS FOUND OUT AND THE SCANDAL REACHED  
THE FLOOR OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN SACRAMENTO.

---AND I THINK IT  
FITTING AND PROPER  
THAT A COMMITTEE BE  
APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE  
THE ENTIRE CALIFORNIA  
PRISON SYSTEM.



NOT LONG AFTER, BOTKIN WON AN  
APPEAL AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL NINE  
YEARS LATER THAT THE CASE WAS  
FINALLY DISPOSED OF.

CORDELIA BOTKIN - IT  
IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THIS  
COURT THAT YOU BE  
CONFINED TO SAN QUENTIN  
PRISON FOR LIFE.



I PRONOUNCE  
THIS WOMEN  
DEAD FROM  
SOFTENING  
OF THE  
BRAIN.

MRS. BOTKIN PAID  
FOR HER CRIME --  
IN THE NEVER  
ENDING FIGHT  
AGAINST CRIMINALS.  
AS THEY DISCOVER  
TOO LATE, THE LAW  
IS RELENTLESS





**O**FFICER Mike Ryan came on duty at 8 P.M. A few minutes later, Barry Weems, junior partner of Baylor and Weems, jewelers, stopped to chat with Ryan.

Weems handed Officer Ryan a 25-cent cigar and asked him the time.

Mike looked at his watch. "It's 8:15."

Barry grinned. "I got to mosey, Mike. Gotta heavy date at the Clermont. When she says 8:20, she means 8:20!"

Later that night Ryan found the door of Baylor and Weems's store unlocked. Strange . . . Ryan stepped inside, peered around in the gloom, snapped his flashlight at the safe behind the counter. The safe door stood wide open, yawning, empty!

Mike decided to do a little investigating before reporting the burglary. He stepped into the back room, the clock and watch repair shop, and flipped on the lights.

At one side of the room lay old Mark Baylor, a tall grandfather clock smashed across his back. Ryan hastily examined him. Baylor was dead, shot through the chest.

Officer Ryan hurried out to the nearest call box and reported the crime. Soon, sirens screamed through the night.

Detective Short stepped out of the squad car, saw Ryan and sneered: "You, again! I might as well try finding clues after an elephant's trampled the ground."

Ryan held his temper. His feud with Detective Short was of long standing. They didn't agree on anything. Now it was Ryan's bad luck that Short, his superior, should draw a case on his beat.

"Did you touch the body?" Short asked curtly.

"I made sure he was dead—that's all," Ryan replied.

"Come on, let's hear the story," Short barked.

"I came on duty, as usual, at 8 o'clock," Ryan began. "Everything was quiet. At 8:15 I was accosted by Barry Weems . . ."

"All right," Short snarled. "I'm not interested in the history of your misspent life. Start from the minute you noticed anything wrong with the jewelry store."

Officer Ryan's eyes snapped, but he told what he had observed, ending: "And I noticed the smashed grandfather clock was stopped at—"

"—stopped at 8:15," broke in Short. "Think I'm blind?" he thundered. "The murder was committed at 8:15. Any fool could figure that. It's an outside robbery job."

"You're mistaken," Ryan said politely. "This wasn't an outside job. After looking at that clock, I know who killed Baylor."

"Did you see the job done?"

"No—but by deduction I concluded——"

"Oh, brother!" Short sneered. "You deducted. And concluded. A dumb Irish flatfoot. Just put the pretty clues together and solved the case? Why in blazes are you pounding a beat if you're a heavy-weight brain?"

Short shouted himself into a rage. "Get back on your beat, flatfoot! I'll do my own thinking!"

Ears burning, Officer Ryan walked out. The rest of the night was uneventful. He turn-

ed in his written report accompanied by a terse note:

"Inspector Blake, Homicide:

I know who killed Mark Baylor.

Officer M. Ryan."

Ryan was awakened by heavy pounding on his bedroom door. Sleepily, he yelled, "Don't cave it in—it's unlocked!"

Detective Short walked in. "Get dressed, Ryan," he commanded. "The chief wants to see you about a little matter of murder."

Short's roving eyes stopped when they saw Ryan's revolver hung with his police uniform in the open closet. He walked over, lifted the gun from its holster, broke it open. He smelled the end of the barrel. It had been fired. "You're under arrest for killing Baylor," Short said coldly.

Ryan's temperature mounted, but he knew it would do no good to argue. He climbed out of bed, began putting on his uniform.

Short stopped him. "Put on your own clothes, Ryan. You won't be wearing blues after today!"

At headquarters, Short pushed open the chief's door, motioned Ryan inside. "Here's your killer, Chief."

Inspector Black looked up. "Killer—?"

"You said to bring Ryan in," Short said uneasily. "I suspected him last night. Now I find his gun's been fired. There's no mention in his report of firing it in the line of duty."

The inspector looked inquiringly at Ryan.

Mike explained: "I practice every afternoon at the target range. I go on duty right afterward. Sure, the gun's been fired."

"What's the meaning of this note?" Inspector Blake asked, tapping a paper on his desk.

"Have you arrested Barry Weems?" Ryan asked.

"No—why should we?"

"He killed Mark Baylor," Ryan said.

Inspector Blake turned to Short. "Get Weems."

Short shrugged, but left to carry out the order.

The inspector turned back to Ryan. "Where's your uniform?"

"Short made me wear civvies. Very persuasive—a gun in his hand. He says I won't be wearing blues any more."

The chief looked thoughtful. "Perhaps he's right."

Barry Weems was ushered into the office, protesting. "This is an outrage!" he shouted. "I'll sue! I've an alibi!" Then he saw Officer Ryan. "I was talking to you at the time Mark was killed—tell them . . ."

"How did you know when Baylor was killed?" Inspector Blake asked quietly.

"It says in the papers the broken grandfather clock stopped at 8:15."

Ryan faced Weems. "You did talk to me at 8:15. You gave me a cigar, and asked what time it was. Odd, isn't it,

a jeweler, a man wearing a wristwatch, asking the time? When I found Baylor dead, I knew you'd had a reason for the question. You fixed it for me, a cop, to be your alibi witness."

Weems looked shaken. "I couldn't be in two places at once," he protested.

"You weren't," said Ryan. "You killed Mark Baylor before you talked to me. You smashed the grandfather's clock, set the hands ahead to read 8:15, to establish a false time for the murder. Then you robbed the safe of its cash and jewelry and walked out."

"You can't prove the clock was set ahead!" Weems shouted.

"Wrong again. That's where you made your first mistake. When you smashed the grandfather clock, a chip of broken glass lodged under the hour hand. It scratched a line in the clock's face from the 7 to a little beyond the 8."

Barry Weems caved in, sobbing into his hands. Inspector Blake called a police secretary. "Take this man's confession." He turned to Ryan. "Why didn't you give this evidence to Short?"

"I tried to. He wouldn't listen."

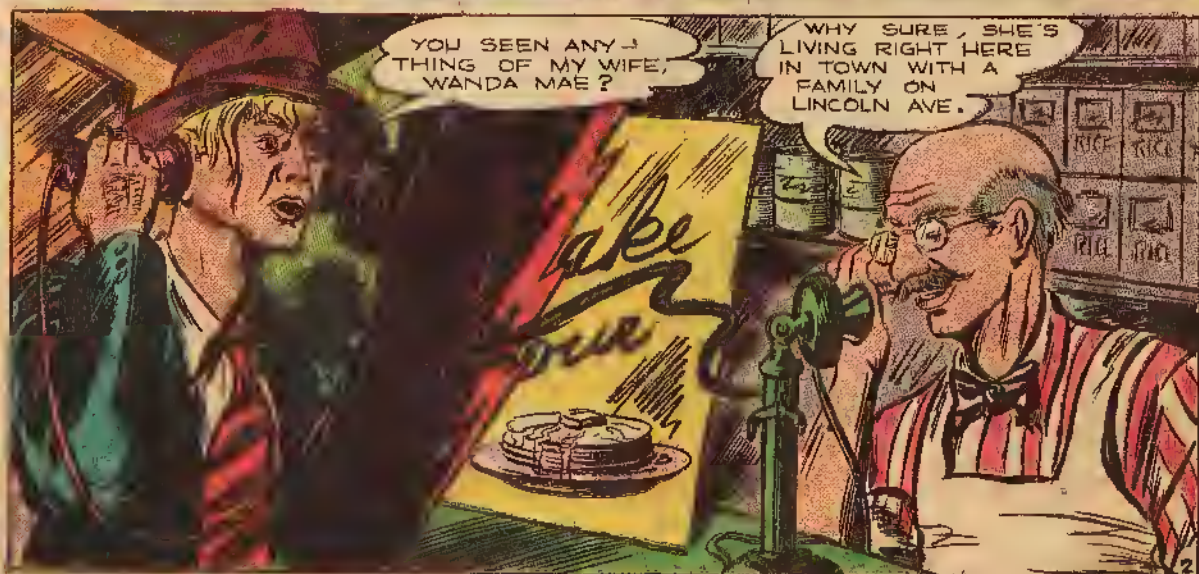
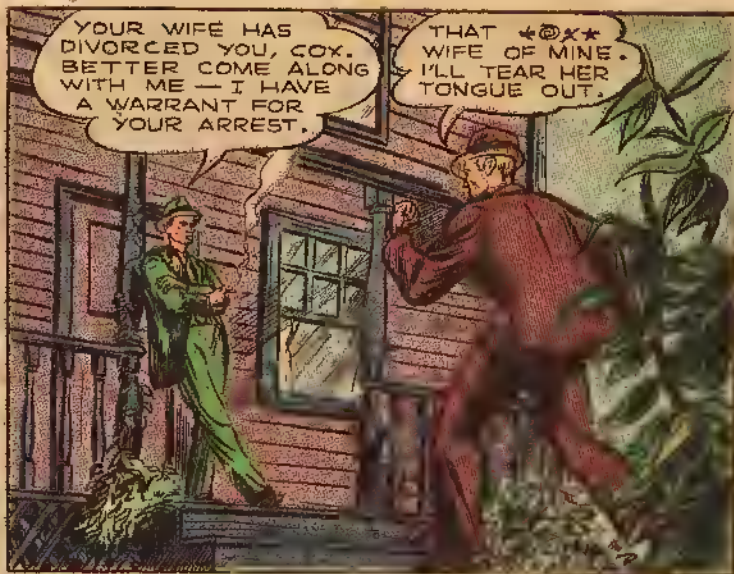
Short looked uncomfortable.

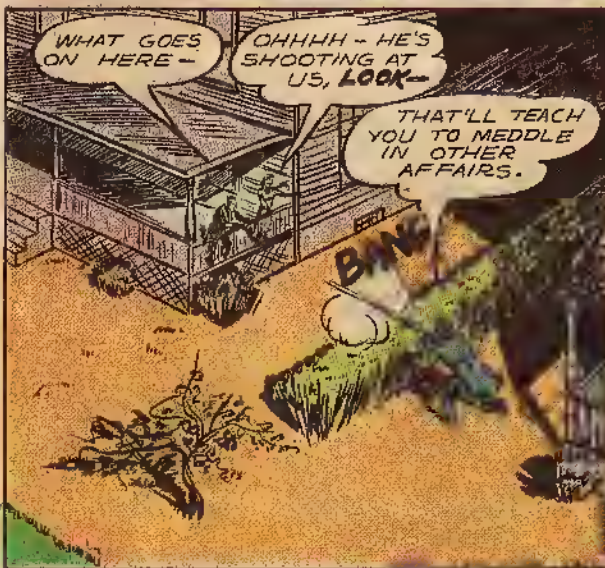
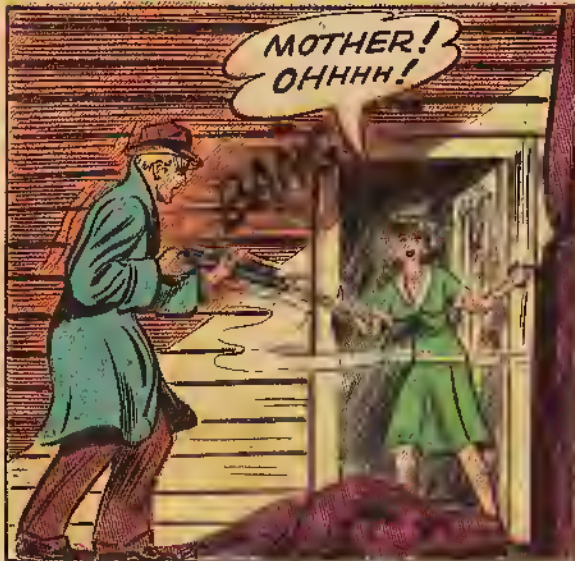
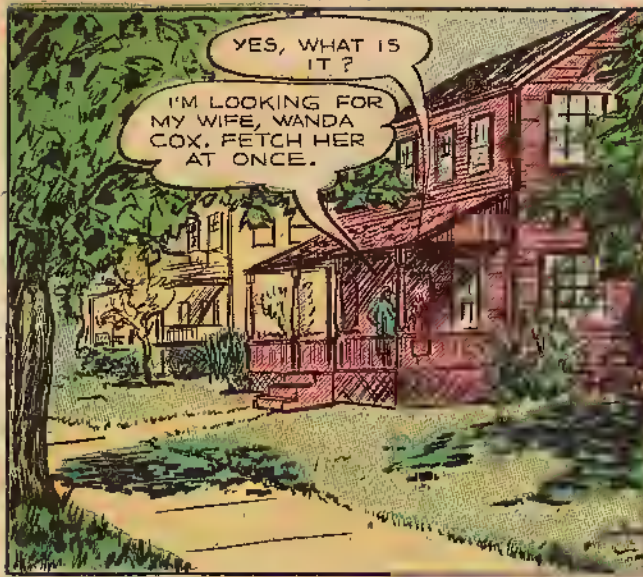
"Well, Short isn't always wrong," said the chief. "You won't be wearing blues after all, Ryan. I'll need a detective and the job's yours. Officer Short can wear the blues for awhile, Detective Ryan!"

THE END



**T**HIS IS THE STORY OF A YOUNG BRIDE OF THREE MONTHS, WANDA MAE COX AND HER HUSBAND, AUSTIN COX. GATHERING UP HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AFTER THIS LAST SCENE, MRS. COX, CALLED DISTRICT JUDGE LEWIS TRUEMAN. THE JUDGE LISTENED TO HER STORY AND GRANTED HER A DIVORCE. AND TO MAKE A GOOD JOB OF IT, HE ISSUED A FURTHER ORDER FOR COX'S ARREST. WHEN COX CAME HOME HE FOUND HIS WIFE GONE AND SHERIFF WATSON WAITING FOR HIM.....





**L**EAVING BEHIND SIX MORTALLY WOUNDED AND MURDERED PEOPLE, THIS FIEND GOT INTO HIS BATTERED WRECK OF A CAR AND DROVE TO THE HOME OF JUDGE TRUEMAN, WHO HAD GRANTED HIS WIFE A DIVORCE. WALKING AROUND TO THE BACK DOOR, HE FIRED A CHARGE OF BUCKSHOT INTO THE LOCK. AWAKENED, THE JUDGE WENT TO THE WINDOW...

WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE YOU—  
**AHGGGH—**

**BANG!**

THAT FIXES YOU, TOO.  
**HA! HA!**

**A**S NEWS OF THIS INCREDIBLE CARNAGE RACED THROUGH THE CITY, POLICE SWUNG INTO ACTION. EVERY POLICEMAN IN OGDEN, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES JOINED THE MANHUNT.

WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THE BARRICADE, OFFICER?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR AUSTIN COX, THE MAD-KILLER. CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES.

WELCOME YOU ARE ENTERING OGDEN

POLICE LINE

SEE ANY SIGN OF HIM, JIM?

NOPE. I HOPE HE DIDN'T GET THROUGH.

**T**HEN CAME THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENING IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR. WITH EVERY POLICEMAN ON DUTY, OGDEN POLICE HEADQUARTERS WAS DESERTED EXCEPT FOR TWO MILITARY POLICEMEN. WITH EVERYONE WATCHING FOR THE KILLER, COX DROVE HIS ANCIENT CAR BOLDLY THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN STREETS UNNOTICED BY ANYONE AND PULLED TO A STOP AT THE REAR OF THE POLICE BUILDING.

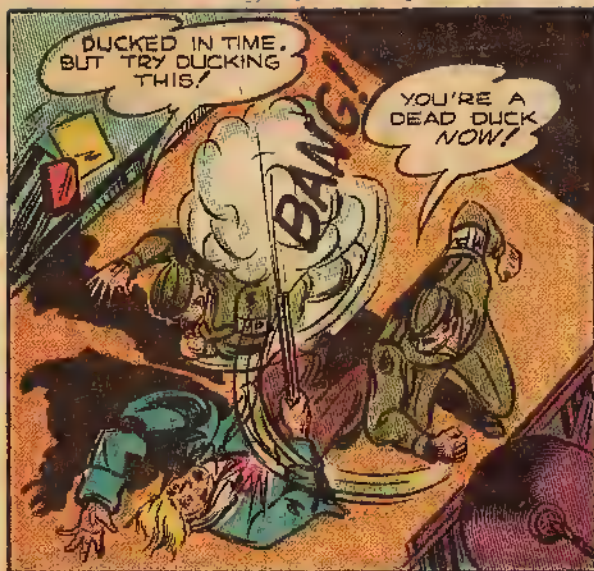


NOW, I'LL REALLY SHOW 'EM SOME ACTION AND FIX 'EM, GOOD!

OGDEN POLICE STATION

ALL RIGHT. NOW REACH AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!

LET'S GET HIM TOGETHER.  
**NOW!**



# CRIME-FIGHTING DETECTIVE

LARRY BRODERICK, ACE CITY  
DETECTIVE, FINDS THE CLUE THAT  
CRACKS THE ALIBI OF THE  
KILLER WHO THOUGHT HE HAD  
COMMITTED THE PERFECT  
CRIME IN:

## The Case of the Murdered Gangster

PETE RYAN WAS MURDERED  
LAST NIGHT. I WANT YOU  
TO HANDLE THE CASE, BROD-  
ERICK! LARKIN WILL HELP YOU!

YES,  
SIR!

OUR UNDERWORLD CONTACTS  
TELL US RYAN HAD BEEN  
MUSCLING IN ON THE DDPE  
RACKET, SUPPOSEDLY CONTROLLED  
BY AUGIE MILLER. IF MILLER'S  
IN ON THIS KILLING, YOU GET  
HIM!



ONE OF FOUR MEN YOUR FATHER WAS INVESTIGATING BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED IS MILLER! HE'S BEING HELD IN EAST LAKE! BUT HIS ALIBI IS FAULTLESS!

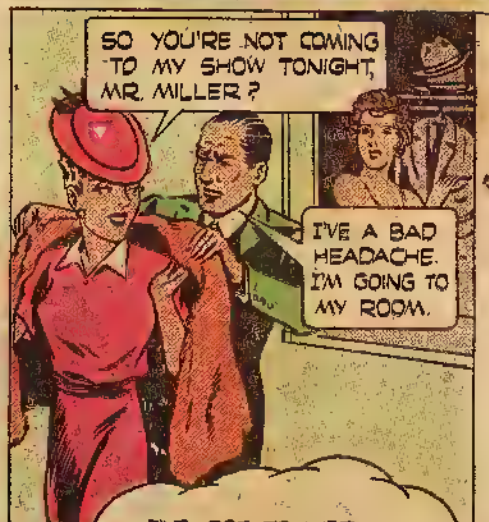


WELL, HERE'S EAST LAKE! AND NOW FOR MR. MILLER!

**WE GO BACK TO THE EVENING BEFORE--**  
IN HOTEL WILSON, THE PRIDE OF INDUSTRIAL EAST LAKE, ABOUT 250 MILES FROM NEW YORK CITY.

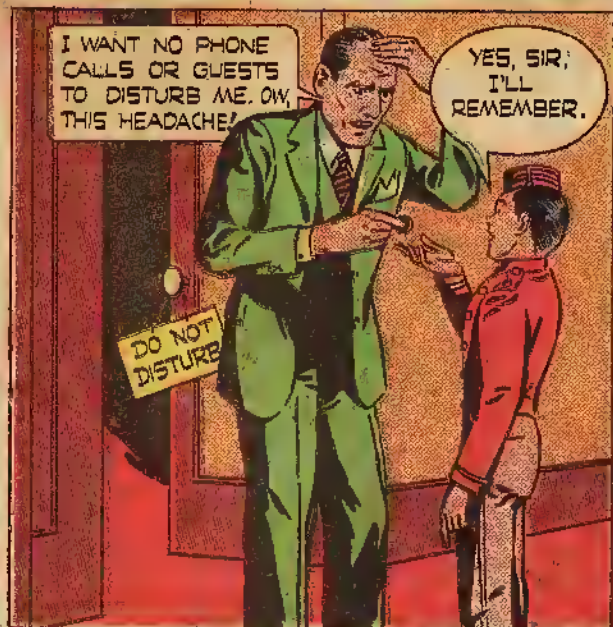


I MUST BE GETTING BACK TO THE THEATRE!



SO YOU'RE NOT COMING TO MY SHOW TONIGHT, MR. MILLER?

I'VE A BAD HEADACHE. I'M GOING TO MY ROOM.



I WANT NO PHONE CALLS OR GUESTS TO DISTURB ME. OW, THIS HEADACHE!

YES, SIR, I'LL REMEMBER.

DO NOT DISTURB



I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST-- ONLY EIGHTEEN MINUTES TO CATCH THE TRAIN!

NO ONE ON  
THE GROUNDS,  
GOOD!

VISITING THE  
BIG CITY, EH,  
POP?

SMOKING  
PERMITTED

THOUGHT YOU WERE  
GOING THROUGH  
TO NEW YORK, POP!

I WANT TO STOP AND  
SEE MY DAUGHTER IN  
WESTCHESTER, FIRST.

FIFTEEN MINUTES  
EACH WAY-- GIVES  
ME HALF AN HOUR  
TO DO THE JOB!

I'M MILLER!  
I'VE COME FOR  
YOU, RYAN!

DON'T KILL ME, MILLER! I'LL  
GET OUT OF THE RACKET!  
I'LL LEAVE TOWN!  
GIVE ME A CHANCE!

TOO LATE! YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE MUSCLED IN ON THE  
DOPE RACKET!

THIS SILENCER  
DOES THE TRICK!

NOW TO TAKE  
THAT 2:15  
TRAIN BACK  
TO EAST LAKE!

I'VE GOT TO CLIMB  
THE FIRE ESCAPE  
TO MY ROOM WITHOUT  
ANYBODY SEEING ME!

AND NOW,  
ONCE AGAIN,  
IT IS THE  
FOLLOWING  
MORNING,  
IN  
EAST LAKE.

WE'RE NEW YORK  
DETECTIVES  
COME TO  
QUESTION  
THIS MAN!

THESE YOKELS ARE  
TRYING TO PIN A RAP  
ON ME, FOR A GUY  
BUMPED OFF IN  
WESTCHESTER! TELL  
'EM THEY'RE CRAZY!

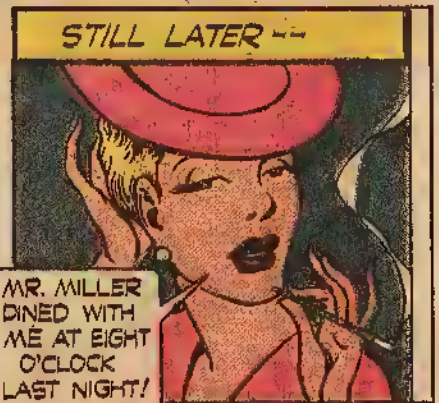
YOU HAD A MOTIVE  
FOR KILLING RYAN!  
HE WAS MUSCLING  
IN ON YOUR DOPE  
RACKET!



SEND UP THAT BELLBOY WHO WAS ON DUTY LAST NIGHT! TELEPHONE VIOLA DARE, AT THE MAYFAIR THEATRE! I WANT HER HERE!



LATER--



STILL LATER--



UNDER MILLER'S HOTEL WINDOW--

WHAT'S THIS?

PULLMAN CO.  
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CAR-121426  
RATE 10.50



HE TOOK A TRAIN TO WESTCHESTER-- KILLED RYAN, AND TOOK A TRAIN BACK!



FIND ANYTHING?

YES!

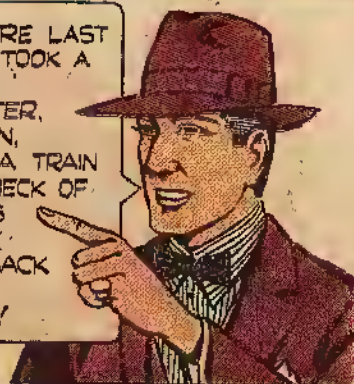


MILLER HAS A ONE SHOT PISTOL STRAPPED AT HIS WRIST, UNDER HIS JACKET.



WHEN YOU LINGERED OUTSIDE TO CHECK OVER EACH DETAIL, YOU TOSSED AWAY YOUR TICKET STUB! YOUR ALIBI IS BUSTED!

LEAVING HERE LAST NIGHT, YOU TOOK A TRAIN TO WESTCHESTER, KILLED RYAN, AND TOOK A TRAIN BACK. A CHECK OF TIMETABLES WILL SHOW YOU GOT BACK BEFORE DAYLIGHT!

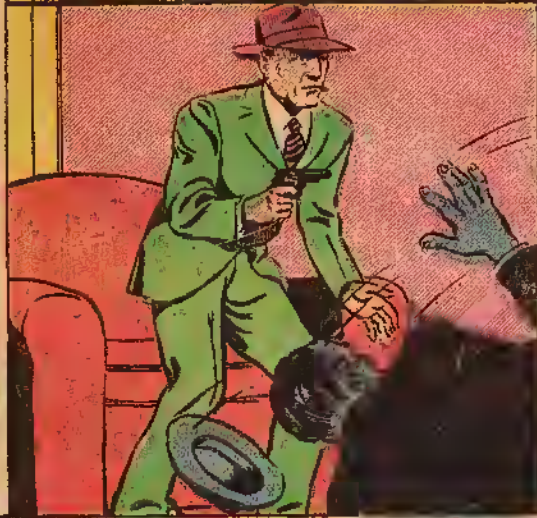


MILLER, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR RYAN'S MURDER! HAND- CUFF HIM, STEVE!



MILLER PULLS THE WIRE, RELEASING THE TRIGGER --- BANG!

**AS LARKIN FALLS, MILLER PULLS LARKIN'S GUN FROM ITS HOLSTER.**



STAND BACK,  
OR I'LL  
KILL YOU!



DON'T COME AFTER ME,  
BRODERICK, OR I'LL SHOOT  
YOU DOWN, LIKE I SHOT  
YOUR FATHER!

**LARRY STICKS HIS HAT OUT OF THE WINDOW.**



HE'S ALIVE!  
GET A DOCTOR!  
I'M GOING AFTER  
MILLER!

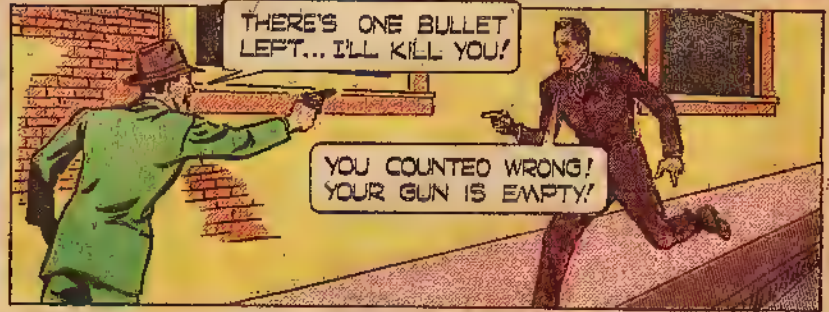


BULLETS 2  
AND 3  
ARE GONE!



FOUR,  
FIVE!





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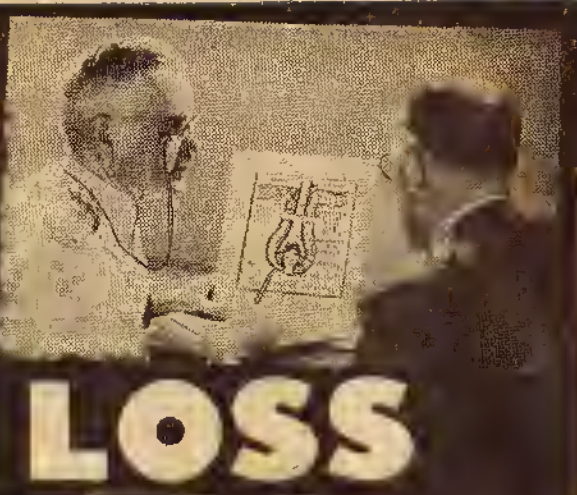
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# The TRUTH about

EXCESSIVE FALLING HAIR  
ITCHY SCALP, DANDRUFF  
HEAD SCALES, SEBORRHEA

# HAIR LOSS



## WARNING!

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or alopecia, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

**BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.**

## DANGER SYMPTOMS!

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. **DRY SEBORRHEA:** The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itching. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.
2. **OILY SEBORRHEA:** The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result.

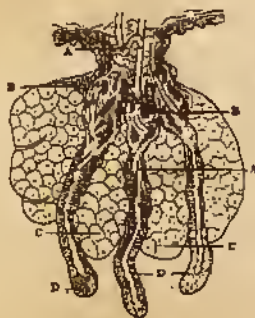
Many doctors agree that to **NEGLECT** these symptoms of **DRY** and **OILY SEBORRHEA** is to **INVITE BALDNESS**. Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms—staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.) But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

**A POST WAR DEVELOPMENT:** Comate Medicinal Formula kills these three germ organisms on contact. Proof of Comate's germ-killing properties has been demonstrated in laboratory tests recently conducted by one of the leading testing laboratories in America. (The complete report is on file and copies are available on request.)

When used as directed, Comate Medicinal Formula controls seborrhea—stimulates the flow of blood to the scalp—helps stop scalp itch and burn—improves the appearance of your hair and scalp—helps **STOP HAIR LOSS** due to seborrhea. Your hair looks more attractive and alive.

You may safely follow the example of thousands who first were skeptical, then curious, and finally decided to avail themselves of Comate Medicinal Formula.



**DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES  
Caused By Seborrhea**

A — Dead hair; B — Hair-destroying bacillus; C — Hypertrophied sebaceous gland; D — Atrophic follicle.

"My hair was coming out for years and I tried everything. Nothing stopped it until I tried Comate. Now my hair has stopped coming out. It looks so much thicker. My friends have noticed my hair and they all say it looks so much better."  
—Mrs. R.E.J., Stevenson, Ala.

"Your hair formula got rid of my dandruff; my head does not itch any more. I think it is the best of all of the formulas I have used."  
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"Your formula is everything you claim it to be and the first 10 days trial freed me of a very bad case of dry seborrhea."  
—J.E.M., Long Beach, Calif.

"I do want to say that just within five days I have obtained a great improvement in my hair. I do want to thank you and the Comate Laboratories for producing such a wonderful and amazing formula."  
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"I have found almost instant relief. My itching has stopped with one application."  
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"My hair looks thicker, not falling out like it used to. Will not be without Comate in the house."  
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"I haven't had any trouble with dandruff since I started using Comate."  
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"This formula is everything, if not more than you say it is. I am very happy with what it's doing for my hair."  
—T.J., Las Cruces, New Mexico

"I find it stops the itch and retards the hair fall. I am thankful for the help it has given me in regard to the terrible itching."  
—R.B.L., Philadelphia, Pa.

Today these benefits are available to you just as they were to these sincere men and women when they first read about Comate. If your hair is thinning, over-dry or over-oily—if you are troubled with dandruff with increasing hair loss—you may well be guided by the laboratory tests and the experience of thousands of grateful men and women. Remember, if your hair loss is due to Seborrhea, Comate CAN and MUST help you. If it is due to causes beyond the reach of Comate Medicinal Formula, you have nothing to lose because our **GUARANTY POLICY** assures the return of your money unless delighted. So why delay when that delay may cause irreparable damage to your hair and scalp. Just mail the coupon below.

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